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## Notice of meeting

### Public Service Board Select Committee

Tuesday, 26th March, 2019 at 10.00 am,  
Council Chamber, County Hall, Usk. NP15 1GA

## AGENDA

**THERE WILL BE A PRE-MEETING FOR MEMBERS 30 MINUTES  
PRIOR TO THE MEETING**

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**Paul Matthews**

**Chief Executive / Prif Weithredwr**

MONMOUTHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL  
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THE CONSTITUTION OF THE COMMITTEE IS AS FOLLOWS:

County Councillors:

D. Batrouni  
D. Blakebrough  
M. Feakins  
M. Groucutt  
G. Howard  
P. Pavia  
J. Pratt  
F. Taylor  
J. Treharne

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# Aims and Values of Monmouthshire County Council

## Our purpose

Building Sustainable and Resilient Communities

### Objectives we are working towards

- Giving people the best possible start in life
- A thriving and connected county
- Maximise the Potential of the natural and built environment
- Lifelong well-being
- A future focused council

## Our Values

**Openness.** We are open and honest. People have the chance to get involved in decisions that affect them, tell us what matters and do things for themselves/their communities. If we cannot do something to help, we'll say so; if it will take a while to get the answer we'll explain why; if we can't answer immediately we'll try to connect you to the people who can help – building trust and engagement is a key foundation.

**Fairness.** We provide fair chances, to help people and communities thrive. If something does not seem fair, we will listen and help explain why. We will always try to treat everyone fairly and consistently. We cannot always make everyone happy, but will commit to listening and explaining why we did what we did.

**Flexibility.** We will continue to change and be flexible to enable delivery of the most effective and efficient services. This means a genuine commitment to working with everyone to embrace new ways of working.

**Teamwork.** We will work with you and our partners to support and inspire everyone to get involved so we can achieve great things together. We don't see ourselves as the 'fixers' or problem-solvers, but we will make the best of the ideas, assets and resources available to make sure we do the things that most positively impact our people and places.

## Role of the Pre-meeting

1. Why is the Committee scrutinising this? (background, key issues)
2. What is the Committee's role and what outcome do Members want to achieve?
3. Is there sufficient information to achieve this? If not, who could provide this?
  - Agree the order of questioning and which Members will lead
  - Agree questions for officers and questions for the Cabinet Member

## Questions for the Meeting

### Scrutinising Performance

1. How does performance compare with previous years? Is it better/worse? Why?
2. How does performance compare with other councils/other service providers? Is it better/worse? Why?
3. How does performance compare with set targets? Is it better/worse? Why?
4. How were performance targets set? Are they challenging enough/realistic?
5. How do service users/the public/partners view the performance of the service?
6. Have there been any recent audit and inspections? What were the findings?
7. How does the service contribute to the achievement of corporate objectives?
8. Is improvement/decline in performance linked to an increase/reduction in resource? What capacity is there to improve?

### Scrutinising Policy

1. Who does the policy affect ~ directly and indirectly? Who will benefit most/least?
2. What is the view of service users/stakeholders? Do they believe it will achieve the desired outcome?
3. What is the view of the community as a whole - the 'taxpayer' perspective?
4. What methods were used to consult with stakeholders? Did the process enable all those with a stake to have their say?
5. What practice and options have been considered in developing/reviewing this policy? What evidence is there to inform what works?
6. Does this policy align to our corporate objectives, as defined in our corporate plan?
7. Have all relevant sustainable development, equalities and safeguarding implications been taken into consideration? For example, what are *the procedures that need to be in place to protect children*?
8. How much will this cost to implement and what funding source has been identified?
9. How will performance of the policy be measured and the impact evaluated.

## Questions for the Committee to conclude...

Do we have the necessary information to form conclusions/make recommendations to the executive, council, other partners? If not, do we need to:

- (i) Investigate the issue in more detail?
- (ii) Obtain further information from other witnesses – Executive Member, independent expert, members of the local community, service users, regulatory bodies...
- (iii) Agree further actions to be undertaken within a timescale/future monitoring report...

## General Questions....

### Empowering Communities

- How are we involving local communities and empowering them to design and deliver services to suit local need?
- Do we have regular discussions with communities about service priorities and what level of service the council can afford to provide in the future?

### *Service Demands*

- How will policy and legislative change affect how the council operates?
- Have we considered the demographics of our council and how this will impact on service delivery and funding in the future?

### *Financial Planning*

- Do we have robust medium and long-term financial plans in place?
- Are we linking budgets to plans and outcomes and reporting effectively on these?

### *Making savings and generating income*

- Do we have the right structures in place to ensure that our efficiency, improvement and transformational approaches are working together to maximise savings?
- How are we maximising income? Have we compared other council's policies to maximise income and fully considered the implications on service users?
- Do we have a workforce plan that takes into account capacity, costs, and skills of the actual versus desired workforce?

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# Public Document Pack **Agenda Item 4**

## MONMOUTHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

**Minutes of the meeting of Public Service Board Select Committee held  
at Council Chamber, County Hall, The Rhadyr USK - County Hall on Wednesday, 9th  
January, 2019 at 10.00 am**

**PRESENT:** County Councillor J. Pratt (Chair)  
County Councillors: M.Groucutt, G. Howard, J.Pratt and J.Treharne

### **OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Matthew Gatehouse	Head of Policy and Governance
Hazel Clatworthy	Sustainability Policy Officer
Hazel Ilett	Scrutiny Manager
Nicola Perry	Senior Democracy Officer
Mark Hand	Head of Planning, Housing and Place-Shaping
Owen Wilce	Community and Partnership Development Lead

### **APOLOGIES:**

County Councillor D. Batrouni

#### **1. To elect a Chair.**

County Councillor J. Pratt was elected Chair for the meeting.

#### **2. Declarations of Interest**

No declarations of interest were made.

#### **3. Public Open Forum**

No members of the public were present.

#### **4. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 10th October 2018.**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 10th October 2018 were confirmed and signed as a true record.

Matter arising:

- The Committee accepted apologies for absence for the last meeting from County Councillor G. Howard.
- A Member asked if our partners (e.g. Natural Resources Wales (NRW), Police, Health, Fire) are clear how they devolve specifically to deal with the Monmouthshire PSB. Secondly, clarity was sought on the relationship and integration between Monmouthshire PSB and other PSBs and their officers in the region citing the example of a child from another area with specific needs placed in a county school with no consultation or resources.

The Chair acknowledged that these matters could be specifically addressed with partners at the next meeting.

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The Head of Policy and Governance reported that PSBs in the region have been working to produce common objectives which can be used to commission future work e.g. Future Trends. More information can be supplied at a future meeting. Another common focus will be understanding and mitigating climate change. Select Committee Members were reminded of the Committee's power to scrutinise partners of PSBs on Wellbeing of Future Generation functions rather than broader responsibilities. Considering the specific case, more information would be sought and provided to the Member prior to the next meeting.

#### **5. Progressing the steps in the Well-being Plan: The purpose is to provide the Select Committee with an opportunity to receive presentations that will provide a progress update on the steps being delivered as part Monmouthshire's Well-being Plan and an opportunity to scrutinise the progress made by the lead agency for each of these which are drawn from members of the Public Service Board.**

##### **Purpose:**

To provide the context for presentations that will be given to update the Select Committee on the delivery of key steps as part Monmouthshire's Well-being Plan. The Select Committee is invited to scrutinise the progress of the lead agency assigned to these steps, who are members of the Public Service Board.

##### **Key Issues:**

1. The Public Service Board has approved four well-being objectives that underpin a clear purpose of *building sustainable and resilient communities*. The ideas and activity that will contribute to the delivery of these is set out as 'steps' within the Well-being Plan, each one being led by a PSB partner.
2. The work on the steps is at different stages of evolution, with some still in the exploratory phase whilst others have engaged the market and are developing pilots. The Programme Board sits underneath the PSB and maintains an oversight of all activities.
3. These PSB has prioritised a six steps for particular focus over the next six months. They are:
  - Adverse Childhood Experiences - led by Gwent Police
  - The Mental Health of Children and Young People – led by Aneurin Bevan University Health Board
  - Improve the resilience of ecosystems by working at a larger scale – led by Natural Resources Wales
  - Promoting active citizenship – led by Gwent Association of Voluntary Organisations
  - Re-addressing the supply and mix of housing stock - led by Monmouthshire County Council, with involvement of registered social landlords
  - Develop technology-led solutions for improving rural transport – led by Monmouthshire County Council.
4. The Select Committee can require any statutory member of the board to give evidence, but only in respect of the exercise of joint functions conferred on the partner as a statutory member of the board in line with the Well-being of Future Generations Act.
5. Two partners have been invited to make a presentation to the 9<sup>th</sup> January 2019 meeting to outline the activity and progress being made in delivering the steps. Presentations to the Select Committee should reflect the challenge identified in the well-



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being assessment and provide some of the available evidence to demonstrate the rationale for selecting the issue. The Select Committee will gain a clearer understanding of how the steps being taken reinforce the PSB's vision and ambition for the future.

6. The Select Committee may wish to consider the extent to which they feel the partners have applied the following five ways of working in their leadership of the steps they are delivering, as follows:

- Long term
- Integrated
- Involvement
- Collaborative
- Prevention

#### **Member Scrutiny:**

The Head of Policy and Governance introduced the report and invited questions and comments from Select Committee Members on the six point plan, as follows:

- The Chair expressed concern about NRW's recent work in her ward leading her to believe that it is under resourced. She provided details of concerns regarding Clydach Gorge and welcomed the opportunity to question NRW at a future meeting.
- Referring to the point: Re-address the supply and mix of housing stock, a Select Committee Member raised the need for resources. Reference was made to the Leader's recent comment about the Council's inability to establishing a means of building social housing due to unavailability of housing staff.

#### **Re-addressing the supply and mix of housing stock**

The Head of Planning and Place Shaping and the Director of Property Services, Monmouthshire Housing Association (MHA), provided a presentation on Step 5: Re-addressing the supply and mix of housing stock as led by Monmouthshire County Council, with involvement of registered social landlords and invited questions from Select Committee Members, as follows:

- A Select Committee Member asked, putting aside work already being undertaken, what different actions have arisen as a result of the PSB and Wellbeing of Future Generations. A question was asked about the affordable housing waiting list.

The Head of Planning and Place Shaping responded that the PSB and Wellbeing of Future Generations Act have led to more joined-up working with wider partners. This has included engagement with young people in preparation for the new Local Development Plan (LDP). Additionally, a local transport plan will sit alongside the new LDP and consideration of different ways of influencing housing delivery.

The Director of Property Services, MHA, explained that the affordable housing list is used to inform the development programme. It is expected that most new builds will be allocated to those in Bands 1-3. Many on the list select certain areas and this information is used in the development programme.

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- The Member noted that 43% of children in his ward live in poverty, a night shelter has recently opened and close by there are also very valuable properties. He referred to the Council's plan to start to build own affordable housing referring to previous comments about delay and sought reassurance that proposals to build affordable housing are part of the development work for the LDP.

The Head of Planning and Place Shaping agreed to provide a written response to this point.

- The Chair gave details of a specific case in her ward where the planning conditions of the National Park were prohibitive to the small businesses keen to build affordable housing. It was noted that the lack of availability of public transport impacts on the lives and employability of residents with no incentive to limit car use. It was queried if there is engagement between with employers and MHA to ensure workers with no transport can get to work.

It was explained that as Residential Social Landlords (RSLs), there are many additional roles e.g. the Skill Wise project to help tenants get back to work. It is recognised that there are transport issues and whilst MHA does not engage with employers, it will engage with tenants e.g. to provide taxis to work. MHA also provides work opportunities. It was noted that public procurement rules sometimes preclude working with employers.

The Head of Planning and Place Shaping commented that the condition to provide cottage industries may be to reduce the need to commute and to avoid congestion in rural areas. Regarding opportunities for employment and types of jobs, the Council needs to encourage development of opportunities bearing in mind that current successful areas of employment are in tourism and agriculture which are not well paid.

- A Member commented that it would be beneficial to send a message to the PSB, in view of the significant cost of land and the small proportion of affordable housing produced by large developers, to split some council owned sites and make them available for small developers, also to dispose of Council land to housing associations. It was also suggested that parcels of land could be identified to encourage self-build (PlotShop); a project that has been successful in another authority. The Head of Planning and Place Shaping agreed that a PlotShop was possible but that there was no particular issue with viability of sites in Monmouthshire unlike other authorities.

The Head of Policy and Governance clarified that transport is a PSB strand of work. Ideas for mobility of service, and shared and integrated transport are being progressed by the GovTech initiative. It was confirmed that Cabinet will consider a report to strengthen the Legal Department recognising the need to increase commercial capacity.

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The Director of Property Services (MHA) noted that opportunities exist for working in partnership explaining that the RSLs receive Social Housing Finance Grant from Welsh Government which is significant. If small parcels of land are available, it would be possible to build developments for social rent e.g. Oakley Way in Caldicot. There is an allowance for the land purchase which could provide the authority a capital receipt and if private sector rental was also included there could be a capital revenue stream opportunity.

- The Chair supported greater ambition and working together. She queried the status of a parcel of land in her ward. It was agreed that an enquiry would be made with Estates.

The Head of Planning and Place Shaping stated that there is also the large LDP allocation in Crick Road, Portskewett where the authority is working with Melin to provide a care home and dementia friendly housing.

- A Member asked how the cost of affordable housing is calculated. The Director of Property Services explained that there is acceptable cost guidance set by Welsh Government for building affordable housing. In terms of rent, RSLs collect information on tenants' average income to assist with rent setting in line with Welsh Government guidance noting that new builds should be more energy efficient and can attract higher rent.

The Select Committee were urged to attend a series of LDP workshops, led by the Economy and Development Select Committee on the following dates:

- 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2019 – LDP (Issues, vision and objectives to provide a – clear steer on content in terms of economies of the future)
- 28<sup>th</sup> January 2019 - Candidate sites
- 25<sup>th</sup> March 2019 - Growth scenarios

#### **Committee Conclusions:**

In answer to the questions 1) "Is there enough ambition" and 2) "Are the principles being applied", the Chair summarised the views of the Select Committee Members that there was agreement that we are applying the principles but we would like to see more ambition in order to provide more affordable housing and to prevent people moving out of the county. It was recommended that the points raised are taken on board. The committee was keen to continue the discussion in the future.

#### **Promoting active citizenship**

The Chief Executive Officer of GAVO and the Communities and Partnership Lead provided a presentation on step 4, Promoting active citizenship. Following the presentation, Select Committee Members were invited to make comments and ask questions:

- A Member provided an example of GAVO's work that galvanised community partners to work together successfully as Abergavenny Community Enterprise Project which might have otherwise failed and is now a great example of how such a project should work and

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develop. It was added that it is key to provide targeted support to those who wish to volunteer to enable them to be successfully active in their chosen area.

- A Member asked how many organisations are represented within GAVO. It was confirmed that there are approximately 360 members of GAVO covering Monmouthshire, Caerphilly, Blaenau Gwent and Newport. GAVO also collaborates with Torfaen Voluntary Alliance.
- A Member noted the raised profile of volunteering and asked how long term volunteers are retained and how the role is promoted. It was responded that there is an Adult and a Youth Volunteering Officers, and also there is a strong social media presence. Volunteering Awards help to publicise and keep the profile high.
- The Chair asked how proactive GAVO is at meeting with other organisations and suggested that there is a less strong presence in rural areas, and that there is a need to follow social media to keep in touch with community groups. It was noted that the Volunteer Officers balance their time between the office and in the field meeting with groups. There are also proactive networks and forums. The challenge is to reach as many groups in as many geographical areas as possible.

#### **Committee Conclusions:**

The Chair thanked the Chief Executive Officer of GAVO and the Communities and Partnership Development Lead for their attendance.

It was agreed that there were some very important points raised and that the matter will be discussed further in future.

#### **6. To consider the Select Committee's forward work programme**

The Forward Work Programme was noted. The following additions were suggested:

- ACES
- Natural Resources Wales
- Climate Change (Members were informed of a meeting at Bridges Monmouth on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2019 at 7.00pm – all Members are welcome to attend.)

Is was queried if there was opportunity to hold meetings at 2.00pm to enable better attendance.

The format of today's meeting (Discussion of two of the six steps) was valued and suggested as a good way forward for the next two meetings.

#### **7. To note the date and time of the next meeting: 26th March 2018**

**The meeting ended at 12.17 pm**

**SUBJECT: Progressing the steps in Monmouthshire's Well-being Plan**

**MEETING: Public Service Board Select Committee**

**DATE: 26<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

**DIVISIONS/WARDS AFFECTED: All**

## 1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 To provide the context for presentations that will be given to update the Select Committee on the delivery of key steps as part Monmouthshire's Well-being Plan. The Committee is invited to scrutinise the lead agency assigned to these steps. Each lead agency is a member of the Public Service Board.

## 2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act is the legislation which defines the process of how public bodies can improve the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of Wales, by taking action in accordance with the sustainable development principle aimed at achieving seven national well-being goals.
- 2.2 One of the responsibilities the Act places on the Public Service Board (PSB) is to prepare and publish a Well-being Plan and well-being objectives for the county. Monmouthshire's Well-being Plan was approved by the PSB in April 2018 and published at the beginning of May 2018.

## 3. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 The committee is invited to scrutinise presentations from partners of the PSB to ensure that: The work being delivered to progress the steps identified in the well-being plan reflects the necessary ambition and to ensure that the sustainable development principle is applied in a way that supports and contributes towards the Public Service Board's Well-being Objectives.

## 4. KEY ISSUES

- 4.1 The Public Service Board has approved four well-being objectives that underpin a clear purpose of *building sustainable and resilient communities*. The ideas and activity that will contribute to the delivery of these is set out as 'steps' within the Well-being Plan, each one being led by a PSB partner.
- 4.2 It is important that the vision set against each of these steps displays the appropriate ambition and clarity to ensure that it is supported by all partners and benefits from collaborative and integrated approaches. Organisations are being asked to put resources and energy into these in the name of the Public Service Board and it is important to ensure that that they are focusing on the right things.
- 4.3 The work on the steps is at different stages of evolution. The Programme Board sits underneath the PSB and maintains an oversight of all activities and is meeting the day before this committee.

4.4 The PSB has prioritised a six steps for particular focus. They are:

- Adverse Childhood Experiences - led by Gwent Police
- The Mental Health of Children and Young People – led by Aneurin Bevan University Health Board
- Improve the resilience of ecosystems by working at a larger scale – led by Natural Resources Wales
- Promoting active citizenship – led by Gwent Association of Voluntary Organisations
- Re-addressing the supply and mix of housing stock - led by Monmouthshire County Council, with involvement of registered social landlords
- Develop technology-led solutions for improving rural transport – led by Monmouthshire County Council.

4.5 Members will recall that these six steps have been selected due to the extent to which they integrate, inform and create the conditions to enable these pieces of work to progress, or because there will be outputs over the next six months that will require debate, review and evaluation before decision are taken on how best to move forward. Partners need to ensure that these projects are appropriately resourced to ensure real progress over a defined period and must be prepared to provide updates to the PSB Select Committee.

4.6 The Select Committee can require any statutory member of the board to give evidence, but only in respect of the exercise of joint functions conferred on the partner as a statutory member of the board in line with the Well-being of Future Generations Act.

4.7 At its meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup> January 2019 the Committee scrutinised progress against the Active Citizenship and Supply and mix of housing step. This meeting will receive presentations on *rural transport* and *improving the resilience of ecosystems*. There will be a brief update on *Adverse Childhood Experiences*, with the committee previously having scrutinised Gwent Police in autumn 2018. The final of the priority steps addressing *mental health* will be presented at the next meeting of the committee.

4.8 The Presentations to the Select Committee should reflect the challenge identified in the well-being assessment and provide some of the available evidence to demonstrate the rationale for selecting the issue. The Select Committee will gain a clearer understanding of how the steps being taken reinforce the PSB's vision and ambition for the future.

4.8 The Select Committee may wish to consider the extent to which they feel the partners have applied the following five ways of working in their leadership of the steps they are delivering, as follows:

- Long term – Are activities defined over the longer term to ensure the ability of future generations to meet their own needs is not compromised? How has the Sustainable Development Principle been applied by the partner and how do the actions presented achieve the principle? I.e. how have corporate activities, medium and long-term risks and workforce planning been taken into account (irrespective of current budget positions).

- Integrated – How have the PSB’s well-being goals been taken into account in agreeing the well-being objectives? Has the interdependence between the seven well-being goals and the well-being objectives been recognised? What consideration been taken of how well-being objectives may impact upon each other and upon the objectives of other public bodies, either positively or detrimentally? Do the well-being objectives make sense as a whole and if there are any conflicts, how will these be resolved, managed and mitigated.
- Involvement – To what extent have partners engaged with the community through recognised models of engagement and in doing so, ensured that the diversity of the population has been reflected in the engagement activity to ensure people are involved in decisions that affect them.
- Collaborative – Can partners demonstrate that they are working with others in a collaborative way to find shared sustainable solutions?
- Prevention – Does the PSB understand the root causes of issues to prevent them from occurring and are solutions and early interventions being instigated at the right time (seeking early action rather than waiting for crisis trigger points to be reached) to enable the PSB to make progress in achieving the well-being goals? Is the PSB applying an integrated approach to improve well-being through the early identification of ‘cause and effect’ problems?

4.9 Members may also wish to make use of the newly published Future Generations Framework for Scrutiny. This resource suggests questions to ask and the answers that scrutineers may expect to hear if the Act has been properly considered. The framework can be downloaded from:

[https://futuregenerations.wales/resources\\_posts/future-generations-framework-for-scrutiny/](https://futuregenerations.wales/resources_posts/future-generations-framework-for-scrutiny/)

## **5. REASONS:**

- 5.1 To ensure that actions are in place that will help build a sustainable and resilient Monmouthshire and make progress towards the objectives published in the Well-being Plan.
- 5.2 To improve the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of our county and work towards the aspirations outlined in the Well-being of Future Generations Act.

## **6. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 There are no resource implications attached to this report.

## **7. EQUALITY, SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND CORPORATE PARENTING IMPLICATIONS**

7.1 Evaluations are being completed as these steps are developed and will be available for scrutiny when the work identifies key decisions that need to be taken.

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<p><b>SUBJECT: Update on Regional Well-being Work</b></p> <p><b>MEETING: Public Service Board Select Committee</b></p> <p><b>DATE: 26<sup>th</sup> March 2019</b></p> <p><b>DIVISIONS/WARDS AFFECTED: All</b></p>
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## 1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To provide the committee with a brief update about work being undertaken at a Gwent regional level to build on well-being assessments and to provide an update on emerging proposals for 2019-20 funding from Welsh Government which is in place to help Public Service Boards build their strategic capacity and capability to support the delivery of well-being plans as well as consolidate work on the assessments and plans.

## 2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 Members are invited to use this update to enhance their understanding of how regional working can help the Public Service Board (PSB) meet the requirements of The Act.

## 3 KEY ISSUES

- 3.1 Officers representing the five Public Service Boards in Gwent have been meeting in the Gwent Wide Strategic Well-being Assessment Group (GSWAG) to share learning and identify opportunities to collaborate on areas of common interest. This work initially focused on the development of the well-being assessment and has continued to strengthen the development and implementation of well-being plans with a particular focus on collaboration and regional working.
- 3.2 For each of the past two years the Welsh Government has made available circa £74K of funding for the five PSBs in the Gwent area to use collaboratively to build on work completed as part of the well-being assessments and help build towards the development of the well-being plan.
- 3.3 Past projects include:
- i) Future Trends – The limitations of work on future trends was a common theme raised by the Future Generations Commissioner and Welsh Government when they provided feedback on Well-being Assessments. Initial work on identifying strategically important future trends and disruptors has now been built upon with a regional conference in November and a local workshop for Monmouthshire, held in Monmouth in December which developed this at a local level and which members of the committee were invited to attend.
  - ii) Climate Ready Gwent – This work is underway and aims to identify landscape scale opportunities for climate adaptation using an ecosystems approach and make recommendations for future strategic regional collaboration. The aim is to influence the required changes to policy and practice that will enable Monmouthshire and its neighbours in Gwent to take the necessary steps towards being climate ready for the future.
  - iii) Happy Communities – This provided two tools: the Happy Communities Index (now called Thriving Places Index in Wales) which measured the local

conditions for community well-being and the Happiness Pulse which is a measure of personal well-being.

- iv) Data and Dashboards – Remaining funding is being utilised to improve how Monmouthshire PSB can use a type of data that is published under an Open Government License to develop accessible and automated reporting of key data issues raised in the well-being assessment, that can be used by the community, the PSB and councillors.

- 3.4 A further allocation of funding has been made for 2019-20 (see appendix 1). Officers on the Gwent wide group are currently developing projects to utilise this funding for 2019-20 and this is a work in progress ahead of a submission at the end of March. A progress update will be given at the meeting. It is likely to include work on annual reporting and community risk registers.

#### **4. REASONS**

- 4.1 To ensure that members understand the regional work that is being undertaken to embed the Well-being of Future Generations Act and are able to hold the Public Service Board to account.

#### **5 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 None at this stage. The funding for these programmes has come from Welsh Government Grant funding which was made available to PSBs to work on collaborative projects to support the development of well-being plans.

#### **6. EQUALITY, SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND CORPORATE PARENTING IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 This is an update report and does not propose any change in policy or service and so no assessment has been completed.

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## **Criteria**

The criteria relates to funding offered to Public Services Boards (PSBs) for the financial year 2019/20.

Proposals for funding must demonstrate how the group of PSBs would be enabled to build their strategic capacity and capability to support the delivery of well-being plans as well as consolidate work on the assessments and plans.

The funding will be available for the following purposes and can be used for one or more of the criteria set out below:

- Continuing to support community engagement. Effective engagement with communities continues to be an important aspect of the work of PSBs and this will aim to encourage the coordinated ongoing approach to community engagement.
- Consolidating gaps in the evidence base. The funding could be used to invest in consolidating gaps in data and enable PSBs to undertake additional evidence gathering.
- Supporting data to be made available in real time. The funding could be used to gather or present data around well-being in your region, or be used to adopt an online approach to data
- Supporting PSBs to take a more evaluative approach to the delivery of well-being plans by building in appropriate monitoring and evaluation activity to evidence outcomes and track progress over time.
- Enabling innovative ways of annual reporting (new for 2019-20 in support of the annual reports which are due to be published in July 2019). This will be about sharing learning from each other and adopting similar approaches. We would be able to accept running a pilot for one PSB, provided there is a clear intention to roll out the same approach to other PSBs in the region once its been tested.
- Supporting the scoping of collaborative projects that can be undertaken on shared objectives (new for 2019-20).

### Monitoring and payment arrangements

- The Funding Recipient must monitor the progress of the work funded to ensure that the money is being spent as required and that financial controls are adequate.
- The Funding Recipient must submit to the Welsh Government on a quarterly basis a Progress Report which must demonstrate the extent to which the agreed objectives in the Funding Proposal are being met and must describe how the work which the funding is being used for relates to PSBs more generally.
- The Funding Recipient must submit proposals by **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2019** on the proposal form at Annex 2.
- The funding period will be from 1 April 2019 – 31 March 2020 with the funding being paid in one instalment at the end of the funding period on completion of a satisfactory claim form.

### Ineligible Activities

Proposals which do not demonstrate how they will contribute to supporting the delivery of the well-being plans and/or ongoing work to consolidate the assessments of local well-being will not be funded. This means, for example we would not be able to fund the following activities:

- development of or maintaining specific projects chosen by the PSBs, other than as part of the delivery of the well-being plan or consolidating the assessment or plan;
- general partnership support.

Upon receipt of a satisfactory Proposal Form which meets the criteria set out above, the Welsh Government will issue an award letter together with terms and conditions of the funding.



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12 January 2019

Dear Chair

### **Support for Public Services Boards 2019-20**

Ministers recently approved funding on a regional basis in connection with Public Services Boards for 2019-20. This support will be to assist Public Services Boards as you deliver the local well-being plan, as well as continuing to assist in the consolidation of work on the assessments of local well-being and local well-being plans.

The funding is once again being offered on a broader footprint mirroring the Local Health Board areas, encouraging the adoption of consistent approaches and reducing duplication of effort across PSBs.

The support available will be up to a maximum of £74,026 for the Gwent region over a one year period only. The funding will only be paid in respect of activities which have been approved as described in the criteria in the attached Annex 1.

The documents relating to the funding are set out in the attached enclosures:

- Annex 1 sets out the purposes for which the funding can and cannot be used.
- Annex 2 is the Funding Proposal Form.

Public Services Boards who wish to access this funding will need to identify a lead authority to submit the bid and complete the proposal form at Annex 2 by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2019, based on the criteria set out in the attached Annex 1. Proposals received after this date will not be accepted.



This year we are also making funding available to support PSBs which have decided to merge to bring their local well-being plans together. The support available will be up to a maximum of £15,000, depending on the number of PSBs merging and will need to be used during the 2019-20 financial year. Please contact us if you are interested for further information on the criteria and process for applying.

If you have any queries on the funding available and the criteria relating to it, please contact Huw Bowen in the Local Government Partnerships Team, ([huw.bowen@gov.wales](mailto:huw.bowen@gov.wales)).

Yours sincerely



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22 Ionawr 2019

Annwyl Gadeirydd

## Cymorth i Fyrddau Gwasanaethau Cyhoeddus 2019-20

Yn ddiweddar, cymeradwyodd Gweinidogion gyllid i'w ddyfarnu ar sail ranbarthol i Fyrddau Gwasanaethau Cyhoeddus ar gyfer 2019-20. Rhoddir y cymorth hwn i helpu Byrddau Gwasanaethau Cyhoeddus i weithredu eu cynlluniau llesiant lleol, a sicrhau cadernid a thrylwyrdd eu hasesiadau o lesiant lleol a'r cynlluniau llesiant eu hunain.

Unwaith eto, cynigir y cyllid yn seiliedig ar batrymau ehangach sy'n adlewyrchu ardaloedd y Byrddau Iechyd Lleol, er mwyn eu hannog i ddefnyddio dulliau gweithredu cyson ac osgoi dyblygu gwaith.

Darperir cymorth hyd at uchafswm o £74,026 ar gyfer rhanbarth Gwent, a hynny dros gyfnod o un flwyddyn yn unig. Ni chaiff y cyllid ei dalu ond ar gyfer gweithgareddau sydd wedi'u cymeradwyo'n unol â'r meini prawf a nodir yn Atodiad 1.

Mae'r dogfennau sy'n ymwneud â'r cyllid i'w gweld yn yr atodiadau sydd ynghlwm:

- Mae Atodiad 1 yn nodi unrhyw ddibenion y ceir defnyddio'r cyllid ar eu cyfer, ynghyd â dibenion nad ydynt yn gymwys
- Atodiad 2 yw'r Ffurflen Gais am gyllid.

Bydd angen i Fyrddau Gwasanaethau Cyhoeddus sydd am fanteisio ar y cyllid hwn ddynodi awdurdod arweiniol i gyflwyno'r cynnig a llenwi'r ffurflen berthnasol yn Atodiad 2 erbyn Dydd



Gwener 8 Mawrth 2019, yn seiliedig ar y meini prawf a nodir yn Atodiad 1. Ni ellir derbyn ffurflenni cais a ddaw i law ar ôl y dyddiad hwn.

Eleni, rydym hefyd yn darparu cyllid ar gyfer Byrddau Gwasanaethau Cyhoeddus sydd wedi penderfynu dod at ei gilydd i gyfuno eu cynlluniau llesiant. Yr uchafswm a roddir ar gyfer hyn yw £15,000, yn ddibynnol ar nifer y BGC sy'n cyfuno. Cysylltwch â ni os oes gennych ddi-ddordeb i gael rhagor o wybodaeth am y meini prawf neu'r broses ar gyfer gwneud cais.

Os oes gennych unrhyw gwestiynau am y cyllid sydd ar gael a'i feini prawf, cysylltwch â Huw Bowen yn y Tîm Partneriaethau Llywodraeth Leol, drwy e-bostio: [huw.bowen@llyw.cymru](mailto:huw.bowen@llyw.cymru)

Yn gywir



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## Monmouthshire's Scrutiny Forward Work Programme 2019

Public Service Board Select Committee				
Meeting Date	Subject	Purpose of Scrutiny	Responsibility	Type of Scrutiny
10 <sup>th</sup> October 2018	Public Service Board Wellbeing Plan	Scrutiny of the action plan to deliver the vision.	Matthew Gatehouse Sharran Lloyd	Performance Monitoring
	Scrutiny of Partners	Scrutiny partners on their delivery of the well-being objectives and future actions.	Gwent Police	
	Adverse Childhood Experiences	Feedback from the workshop held on 1 <sup>st</sup> October.	Sharran Lloyd	
	Regional Project Work Update	An update report.	Richard Jones	
9 <sup>th</sup> January 2019	Progress on the steps being delivered as part Monmouthshire's Well-being Plan	<p>The PSB has prioritised six steps for focus over a 6 month period. The committee will receive a progress update from two partners of the Public Service Board on the steps for which they are the lead agency:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Promoting active citizenship - led by Gwent Association of Voluntary Organisations</li> <li>• Re-addressing the supply and mix of housing stock - led by Monmouthshire County Council with involvement of registered social landlords</li> </ul>	Matthew Gatehouse, MCC  Gwent Association of Voluntary Organisations	Performance Monitoring
26 <sup>th</sup> March 2019	Progress on the steps being delivered as part Monmouthshire's Well-being Plan	The PSB has prioritised six steps for focus over a 6 month period. The committee will receive a progress update from two partners of the Public	Matthew Gatehouse MCC	Performance Monitoring

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Public Service Board Select Committee				
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		<p>Service Board on the steps for which they are the lead agency:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop technology-led solutions for improving rural transport - led by Monmouthshire County Council.</li> <li>• Improve the resilience of ecosystems by working at a larger scale - led by Natural Resources Wales</li> </ul>	Chris Rees, Natural Resources Wales	
June 2019	<b>Progress on the steps being delivered as part Monmouthshire's Well-being Plan</b>	The PSB has prioritised six steps for focus over a 6 month period. The committee will receive a progress update from two partners of the Public Service Board on the steps for which they are the lead agency:	Bronwen John, Aneurin Bevan Health Board	Performance Monitoring

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**PSB DATES:**

18th January 2019 10am  
4th April 2019 10am

**PSB SELECT DATES: TBC**

9th January 2019 10am  
26th March 2019 at 10am

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### **Future Work Programme Items:**

**Housing input in terms of meeting the Well-being Objective: Respond to the challenges associated with demographic change**

- Future Inter-generational Living ~ Monmouthshire Housing Association and Melin (very early stage)
- Readdress the supply and mix of housing stock to ensure suitable and affordable housing is available to all demographic groups ~ to assist us with developing our new Local Development Plan.

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